

**SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. The following supplemental examiner's amendment is submitted to include correction of the dependency of instant claim 8.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended to correct obvious minor informalities as follows:

In the specification:

Page 7 – line 10 (as numbered at the side of the page), “..” has been replaced with --.— (i.e. the extra period has been deleted).

In the claims:

Claim 1 - line 1, “or the like” has been deleted for added clarity. Line 3, "the bow" has been replaced with --a bow-- for added clarity. Line 4, "position said" has been replaced with --position, said-- to remove awkwardness. Line 7, "a boat" has been replaced with --the boat-- for added clarity. Line 9, "a boat" has been replaced with --the boat-- for added clarity. Also in line 9, “the locking pin” has been replaced with –the locking pin assembly-- for consistency of terminology. Line 10, “at a” has been replaced with –to move to a—for added clarity. Also in line 10, “the locking pin” has been replaced with –the locking pin assembly” for consistency of terminology.

Claim 3 – line 1, the amendment including deletion of the phrase "to one of the preceding claims" and insertion of "claim 1" in its place as handwritten by applicant is accepted, and such amendment is included herein.

Claim 5 – last line, "the effect" has been replaced with –effect—for added clarity.

Claim 6 – line 1, the amendment including deletion of the phrase "any one of the preceding" as handwritten by applicant is accepted, and such amendment is included herein.

Additionally in line 1, "claims" has been replaced with –claim--. Line 4, "a boat" has been replaced with --the boat-- for added clarity.

Claim 7 – line 1, the amendment including deletion of the phrase "any one of the preceding claims" and insertion of "claim 1" in its place as handwritten by applicant is accepted, and such amendment is included herein. The term "the locking pin" bridging lines 1 and 2 has been replaced with –the locking pin assembly-- for consistency of terminology. Additionally, a period has been inserted after "stop" at the end of the claim to correct a grammatical error.

Claim 8 – line 1, "claims 8" has been replaced with --claim 1-- to correct an obvious informality/typographical error. Additionally in line 1, "the locking pin" has been replaced with –the locking pin assembly-- for consistency of terminology. Line 2, "the rotation" has been replaced with –rotation-- for added clarity.

Claim 9 - line 1, the amendment including deletion of the phrase "any one of the preceding claims" and insertion of "claim 1" in its place as handwritten by applicant is accepted, and such amendment is included herein. Line 2, "the locking pin" in line 2 has been replaced with –the locking pin assembly-- for consistency of terminology.

Claim 10 - line 1, the amendment including deletion of the phrase "any one of the preceding claims" and insertion of "claim 1" in its place as handwritten by applicant is accepted, and such amendment is included herein.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Gordon whose telephone number is (571) 272-6661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Stephen Gordon/  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit 3612

stg